



The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

March 15th, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Capitol Board Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Debbie Hardy
Jacob Murakami
Jill Love
Melissa Fromm
Paul Leggett
Vikram Ravi
Alan Griffin
Todd Hansen

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard
Greg Bates
Mary Buehler
Corynn Benoit
Ruqia Qasim
Sara Dorsey
Katrina Hruska

Visitors

Charlene Clark
Anna Smyth
Marcus Karlsson

WELCOME/GOVERNANCE – DEBBIE HARDY

Motion to approve January minutes made by Paul Leggett. Seconded by Todd Hansen. Vote carried unanimous.

AMERICORPS PROGRAM REPORT

Charlene Clark- program director of the BYU FHSS AmeriCorps program presented and talked about the program's mission and role.

OPIOID PLANNING GRANT

UServeUtah hired Cicero Group to conduct a landscape analysis of the current opioid crisis and to identify the ideal partners to apply for an opioid-focused AmeriCorps grant. Anna from Cicero group explained the project objectives and carried on her presentation to talk about Cicero's research on this matter. Project objectives: Evaluate the current opioid prevention landscape across the state of Utah including identification of key stakeholders and committees, development of an understanding of current and past efforts to affect change, identification of opportunities to improve coordination efforts, and identification of opportunities to increase public awareness and education about the crisis. Develop a clear, data-driven framework for what is missing in the current opioid prevention landscape, and determine where a partner organization utilizing an AmeriCorps program could have the most impact. Recommend a partner with whom UServeUtah could support in designing an AmeriCorps program to address the opioid crisis in an effective, coordinated way based on what gaps in service/activities were previously identified. As those objectives are met, establish a theory of change as well as a comprehensive logic model that articulates what inputs and activities will produce in terms of outcome indicators and impact. In addition, prepare a clear go- forward measurement and evaluation strategy to corroborate the logic model.

UPDATES- LADAWN STODDARD/ DEBBIE HARDY

ASC Leadership Summit: LaDawn and Debbie attended the Leadership Summit in Washington, DC. that was held on February 13th – 15th. Each year, ASC brings together Executive Directors and Commissioners from state service commissions across the country to discuss high-level trends and developments, revisit strategic goals, report on association progress, and share best practices.

Service Year is wanting to do a joint media campaign with us in promoting AmeriCorps in Utah. They have very well designed marketing strategies, and we will be exploring this further to see what costs are associated with their services, and if they are the right fit for us.

New Staff Members: Sara Dorsey is our new outreach coordinator who is going to create content for our website and social media platforms. Katrina Hruska is our new program support specialist who is going to work closely with Greg and Corynn focusing on the fiscal side of the National Service program.

Commissioner Vacancies: We still need to fill in three commissioner vacancies. Suggestions can be sent to LaDawn.

Governor/Mayor Initiative: Come fall, when we go into our new competitive application process, we have the opportunity to put forward a “Governor/Mayor” initiative. The commission will have to explore this further in the fall, but LaDawn will discuss this in the upcoming months.

Vision Statement: LaDawn sent out a survey in regards to making changes to our vision statement. The survey was sent out to all commissioners, and results will be revealed on our next commission meeting.

Legislative updates: We are in a continuing resolution mode that’ll go till March 23rd. A decision has to be made to either pass another continuing resolution or an appropriation budget.

LaDawn announced that she is going to become the chair for our national association. She is going to take on this role in the next couple of months.

STRATEGIC PLAN DASHBOARD

LaDawn briefly went over a couple of elements in the dashboard and mentioned that most of what is seen in yellow and red is because of the lack of staffing over the last two months. Here are a few highlights:

- The development of state disaster corps has been on our radar but is now on the dashboard. Initial training will be provided for members in 2018, and AmeriCorps program contracts are going to be updated to reflect terms and conditions for reassignment of members in the event of a disaster.
- Update the Volunteer Management Credential Badge curriculum and evidence requirements for 2 trainings held in 2018. Our goal is to make adjustments to the training to help nonprofit organizations support more diverse volunteer groups.
- Support program recruitment to improve the quality and number of AmeriCorps candidates. We’re looking to do an AmeriCorps Power of Service award once a year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports for National Service and Community Engagement programs were included in the commissioner packets. Here are a few highlights: Under Community Engagement: The next Volunteer Management Training has been postponed until April 19th and 20th in St. George. Workshops were held on January 31st and February 9th for the Utah Nonprofits Association Volunteer Management Credential Badge Training. Nine or 10 organizations will probably achieve the badge.

Under National Service: Todd and Greg shared a few photos of our AmeriCorps Member Gathering that took place at the Provo Marriott on March 6th. There were around 500 attendees who participated in workshops, and service projects. The

2018 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity mandatory meetings are being held on March 19th – 30th. Commissioners are needed to review applications for the Opioid, and Formula grant applications. The review process for the Opioid grant applications will be between April 17th and April 20th, and for the formula applications between May 11th and June 13th. Greg will send out more information.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Jake: Representative Stewart's office is interested in assisting to recruit more AmeriCorps members. They have asked Jake to send in recruitment materials to share with whomever they come in contact with at their district.

For the National Service Recognition Day -that is taking place on April 3rd this year- Jake asked commissioners to let him know of any connections they have to elected official for the following areas in Utah: Weber county, Davis county, and Provo to have them participate in recognizing AmeriCorps members at this event.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by Debbie Hardy.